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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON OPEC PRICE DECISION

REFS: STATE 282460, STATE 278391

1. DRAWING ON REFTELS, CHARGE MADE ORAL AND WRITTEN
PRESENTATION

TO MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MATSEBULA
NOVEMBER 19 TO PROMOTE EFFECTIVE GOS OPPOSITION TO
POSSIBLE OPEC PRICE INCREASE.

2. MATSEBULA WELCOMED USG APPROACH, SAYING GOS DEEPLY
CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF PRICE RISE, WHICH
HE SAID WOULD "ABSOLUTELY RUIN" SWAZILAND. OBSERVING
THAT OPEC PRODUCERS ARE MAKING WORLD "DANCE TO THEIR
TUNE," HE SAID THAT THEIR TACTICS WOULD BE REMEMBERED
LONG AFTER THE WORLD HAD DEVELOPED ALTERNATE SOURCES
OF ENERGY AND WAS NO LONGER SO DEPENDENT ON PETROLEUM.

3. MATSEBULA SAID OAU MEMBERS CURRENTLY BEING CANVASSED
RE POSSIBLE DECEMBER 6 MEETING. IF MEETING TAKES PLACE,
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HE SAID, IT WOULD BE GOOD FORUM IN WHICH TO EXPRESS

OPPOSITION TO OPEC PRICE INCREASE. HE SAID HE INCLINED
HAVE GOS COMMUNICATE WITH FOUR OAU MEMBERS OF OPEC IN
ADVANCE OF MEETING TO ALERT THEM TO GOS POSITION.
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